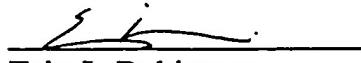


in the specification on page 4, line 14 through page 5, line 15, and is believed to patentably distinguish these claims from the prior art of record. Favorable consideration is accordingly requested.

Referring now to the Official Action, claims 1-3, 5 and 21-24 are rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,463,483 to Yamazaki. In response, an English translation of the priority document of the present application, Japanese Application Serial No. 4-135865 is being prepared and will be submitted to perfect applicant's priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119 as soon as it is received from Japan. Since the filing date of the priority application is April 28, 1992 and the filing date of the Yamazaki '483 reference is March 30, 1993, it is respectfully submitted that this translation is sufficient to overcome the rejection based on Yamazaki '483 and reconsideration is requested in view thereof.

The Official Action further rejects claim 23 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,582,395 to Morozumi. In response, it is noted that this claim has been canceled and thus this rejection is believed moot. For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully asserted that claims 1-3, 5-8, 21-22 and 24-26 are now in proper condition for allowance and reconsideration of the pending rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any further discussions would be beneficial in this case, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted.

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